

August 28th, 2015



## Fall Listening Session-September 9th

### Greetings!

I am happy to announce two upcoming listening sessions in the Town of Hudson and the Town of Kinnickinnic. All members of the public are invited to attend. Both sessions will take place on **Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015**. The information for the sessions is as follows:

#### Town of Hudson Listening Session

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Hudson Town Hall

980 County Road A, Hudson, WI 54016

#### Town of Kinnickinnic Listening Session

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Kinnickinnic Town Hall

1271 Co Rd J, River Falls, WI 54022

I look forward to hearing from you on issues important to you. All of my constituents are invited to attend. Anyone who is not able to make it should feel free to contact my office. I hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dean".

Tax Collections Exceed Expectations

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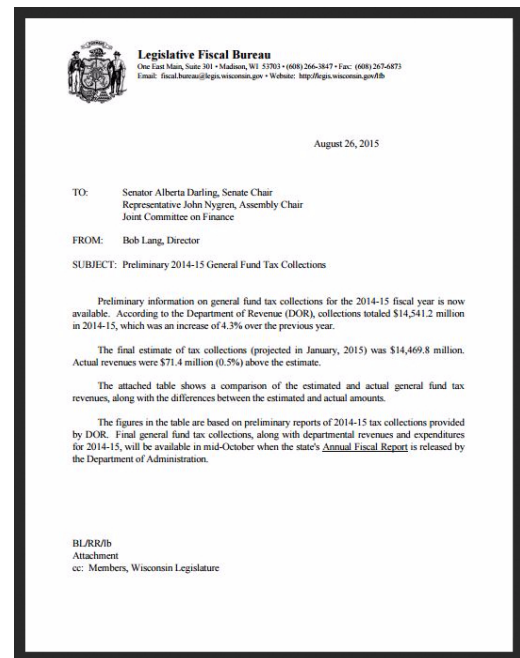
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According to a memo from the nonpartisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau, state tax collections increased 4.3 percent to over \$14.5 billion in the last fiscal year. That figure is **\$71 million more than projected**.

What does that mean for Wisconsin? It means that the state will start the next fiscal year on a **stronger footing** and with a **healthier balance**

**sheet**. It also means that our prudent financial reforms over the past several years are working. I have always said that **Wisconsin does not have a revenue problem**. Government has a spending problem and that's why we've spent the last 5 years **wrestling to contain government spending**. Going forward I will continue to advocate for sensible policies that protect taxpayers.



## WI ACT Scores Rank 2nd Nationally

The results are in: according to data from the Department of Public Instruction, **Wisconsin ranked second in ACT scores** and just 0.5 points from first place. Wisconsin also does well when it comes to participation in ACT testing. 73 percent of Wisconsin graduates opted to take the test, compared to the national participation rate of 50 percent.

It's important to remember that the average score for the class of 2016 will likely be lower as 100 percent of high school juniors were required to take the exam this past March. States with 100 percent participation often see a slight decline in scores. The Department hopes that **as more students take the exam, more students will consider post-secondary education as an option**.

**Wisconsin's education system remains strong** and has always been a top priority for me and my constituents. Just in the last budget, **the Legislature added nearly \$200 million to the K-12**

## Hudson Raiders Opener Tonight

The Hudson Raiders football team kicks off their 2015 season tonight at Newton field. Kickoff against the Arrowhead Warhawks is at 7:00 PM.



For a complete schedule of games, visit the [Raiders website](#).

Go Raiders!

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